Rs 6.9 crires have been deposited in the Public Deposit account. The AEPC has been advised to transfer the balance amount also to the Public Deposit Account as soon as possible.

(d) to (e) These amounts were collected by AEPC on behalf of the Government under the Export Entitlement Distribution Policy notified by the Government from time to time under the powers vested in the Central Government by virtue of Section 3(2) of Export (Control) Order issued under Section 3 of Imports and Exports (Control) act, 1947. The Delhi High Court had ruled that collection of premium under OTS was without any legal backing. However, the Government has filed an S.L.P. in the Supreme Court against this judgement.

Complaints against the Chief of the Cash Compensatory Cell

3400. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any complaints against the Chief of Cash Compensatory Support Cell and also against the Additional Secretary in charge of CCS;

(b) if so what is the nature of these complaints and when these complaints were received;

(c) whether it is a fact that a number of instances of irregularities in CCS have come to the notice of his Ministry;

(d) if so. what are the details thereof and the action taken thereon;

(e) what are the details of examination carried out by the Commerce Ministry before allowing Cash Compensatory Support;

(f) whether the Ministry have issued any guidelines in this regard; and

(g) if so what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU) : (a) and (b) A pseudonymous complaints containing certain allegations about the functioning of the Cash Compensatory Support Cell and citing an instance of CCS. The complaint was however, examined and found to be baseless.

(c) No instance of irregularities in fixation or formulation of policy relating to CCS have come to notice.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Proposal for grant of Cash Compensatory Support (CCS) are recieved in the Ministry from Export Promotion agencies and scrutinised in the Commodity Divisions and CCS Cell of the Ministry. Proposals for grant of CCS to new products are considered by the Marketing Development Assistance Main Committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Commerce) with Secretary (Finance) and Secretary (Expenditure) as Members. Proposals involving review of existing items are considered by the Cash Assistance Review Committee which is also an inter-Ministerial Committee under the Chairmanship of Additional Secretary Ministry of Commerce with representatives of Finance and DGTD.

(f) and (g) Board guidelines for determining the grant of CCS are :

(i) to compensate for unrebated indirect taxes like sales tax octroi etc. which are not refundable through Duty Drawback mechanism;

(ii) Compensate for certain disadvantages inherent in our economy and discriminatory freight rates;

(iii) Compensation for product and market development on a selective basis;

(iv) Special consideration for Agricultural and agro-based products keeping in view perishable nature of the commodities;

(v) Special consideration for labour intensiveness of handicraft and handloom products;

(vi) The rate of CCS is restricted to 25% of net foreign exchange earned.

Decline in the Export of Drugs

3401. CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) what are the names of major drugs exports of which are showing a declining